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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1189
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Velma Lois Jones for
laudable service to the people of Tennessee and
to recognize her tenure as President of the
Tennessee Education Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, it is also fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize
those individuals who have served the noble purpose of being educators; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Velma Lois Jones, who will end her term as
President of the Tennessee Education Association on June 30 of this year; and

WHEREAS, proving her leadership abilities and accrediting her dedication to education,
Mrs. Jones has served as President of the Tennessee Education Association since 1998,
completing her tenure as the longest-serving President in the Association's history; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as President of the Memphis Education Association
and has performed a valuable service as an educator for many years; and

WHEREAS, as a teacher at Cypress Junior High School, Mrs. Jones sought to provide her students with a firm foundation in mathematics; and

WHEREAS, being a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, along with numerous other civic organizations based in Memphis, and a long history of involvement in the Memphis and Shelby County political realm confirms that Mrs. Jones' holds a genuine concern for her community and a desire for the achievement of equality across the globe; and

WHEREAS, while seeking her higher education, she discovered others that shared her drive and vision for the future and joined them in the honorable Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones has been a long-time and conscientious member of the Trinity CME Church; and

WHEREAS, Velma Jones has lived her entire life within the city of Memphis, providing a strong and unwavering guidance for her neighbors; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes the spirit and commitment to excellence that are characteristics of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Velma Lois Jones for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its teachers and students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Velma Lois Jones for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, hastening to recognize her years of invaluable service as President of the Tennessee Education Association and praising her lifelong dedication to the values of education, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.